



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 697**

*January Session, 2017*

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1022

*Senate, April 24, 2017*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist. and SEN. KISSEL of the 7th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE  
ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) The office of the Chief  
2       State's Attorney shall establish a pilot program to serve the  
3       geographical area courts for Hartford, New Haven, New London and  
4       Norwich in the judicial districts of Hartford, New Haven and New  
5       London in identifying and tracking the homeless, addicted or mentally  
6       ill persons entering the criminal justice system.

7       (b) The office of the state's attorney for each such judicial district  
8       shall screen cases in order to identify and track persons arrested who  
9       are homeless, drug addicted or mentally ill for intensive assistance,  
10      and shall refer such persons to diversion programs, counseling,  
11      treatment, housing assistance and reentry programs in an effort to  
12      stabilize such person and prevent future arrests of such person,

13 provided the office shall retain the discretion to dispose of any case in  
14 any manner, with a focus on alternatives to incarceration and that the  
15 court shall maintain jurisdiction over the cases to ensure compliance  
16 with any ordered treatment or counseling.

17 (c) The Chief State's Attorney shall establish policies and procedures  
18 to implement the pilot program required by this section and, on or  
19 before February 1, 2019, shall submit a report to the joint standing  
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
21 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
22 statutes, concerning the implementation of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires the Division of Criminal Justice to establish a pilot program at Hartford, New Haven, New London, and Norwich to assist certain individuals in the criminal justice system with community based services. As it is already in the prosecutor's discretion in such cases to order these programs, this bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 1022*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the chief state's attorney to establish a pilot program to identify and track homeless, addicted, or mentally ill individuals entering the criminal justice system.

The pilot program must serve the geographical area courts for Hartford, New Haven, New London, and Norwich in the judicial districts of Hartford, New Haven, and New London.

The bill requires the state's attorney's office for each judicial district in the pilot program to:

1. screen homeless, drug addicted, or mentally ill arrestees to identify and track them for intensive assistance and
2. refer them to diversion programs, counseling, treatment, housing assistance, and reentry programs in an effort to stabilize them and prevent future arrests.

Under the bill, the (1) state's attorney for each judicial district retains the discretion to dispose of any case in any manner, with a focus on alternatives to incarceration and (2) court maintains jurisdiction over the cases to ensure compliance with any ordered treatment or counseling.

The chief state's attorney must (1) establish policies and procedures to implement the pilot program and (2) on or before February 1, 2019, report to the Judiciary Committee on such implementation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    40    Nay   0    (04/04/2017)